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## State budget provides for library construction

The 2003 Indiana General Assembly completed its work at the end of April by passing a two-year, \$22.7 billion state budget for the 2003-05 biennium.

After four months of deliberation, the new budget was passed with bi-partisan support. For the University of Southern Indiana, the budget includes capital appropriations for construction of new facilities and an increase in USI's operating appropriation.

Under capital appropriations, the budget will provide \$29 million in bonding authorization for construction of a new library. The University also received authorization only for renovation and expansion of the University Center for \$9.75 million and construction of a potential parking structure for \$3 million. Authorization-only projects are not funded by the state but are financed through user fees, student fees, and other income.

Enrollment-change funding is provided in the budget to address increases in enrollment for Indiana students. USI will receive approximately \$1.8 million during the biennium for enrollment increases. This amount is about \$1 million less than USI would have received if the enrollment-change funding formula was fully funded.

The new budget will restore approximately \$485,000 or 50 percent of the operating base that was reduced by the governor in 2003 through the deficit budget management plan.

USI also received approximately \$794,000 for 2004 for the operation of the new Torrington Science Wing and the Education Center, which will open this summer.

The budget further includes a .5-percent inflationary increase for personal services, supplies and expenses, and student aid in 2005.

USI's operating appropriation (not including R & R funds, debt service appropriation, or line item appropriations) will increase from the 2003 reduced operating appropriation of \$30.5 million to \$32.7 in 2004 and \$33.7 in 2005.

A major component of the budget was the funding of economic development initiatives throughout the state. Under economic development programs, USI will receive \$850,000 over the two-year period to fund engineering equipment and program needs.

"Given the current fiscal situation in the State of Indiana, the University is grateful to the Indiana General Assembly, the Commission for Higher Education, and the Governor for their support during these difficult economic times," said USI President H. Ray Hoops.

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## SGA honors members of the USI community

USI President H. Ray Hoops, alumnus Russ Stilwell '77, and Delta Zeta sorority received Spirit of the Eagle awards during the Student Leadership Awards and Reception ceremony last month.

The 34 students who were called to active military duty during the spring also were recognized with a Spirit of the Eagle plaque that will hang in the University Center under the U.S. flag.

The awards, presented by the Student Government Association, honor those who bring local, regional, national, and international recognition to USI.

The SGA honored Hoops for his love for USI and its students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The association recognized his efforts to get approval of the engineering degree and his work with national and state higher education associations.

The SGA recognized Stilwell for his work as majority leader of the Indiana House of Representatives.

The organization award was given to Delta Zeta sorority for being the No. 1 chapter in the nation for raising \$5,000 for the Speech and Hearing Impaired, the sorority's philanthropy, and for its community service.

The SGA also recognized outstanding members of the faculty, staff, and administration.

Dr. Jeanne Barnett, professor of biology, is this year's Faculty Member of the Year. In support of her nomination, a student wrote that Barnett "does more for students than any professor I have encountered on this campus."

Others noted she always has her door open for students, is the advisor for Sigma Zeta, and holds practice tests on Saturday afternoons for students about to take the Medical College Admission Test.

The Staff Member of the Year is Margaret Flewallen, University Center supervisor. Students said Flewallen deserves recognition for her positive attitude, which leaves students with smiles on their faces.

"She is more than a boss to all of us, she is like a mom," a student worker observed.

Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, is this year's Administrator of the Year.

"Dr. Parrent has enhanced all areas of Student Affairs in the year he has been at USI," students said. "He seeks opportunities and finds a way to seize them no matter how impossible the task may seem."

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## AACSB accredits accounting programs

The graduate and undergraduate accounting programs in the USI School of Business have received separate accreditation by the AACSB International - the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

"The School of Business earned AACSB accreditation in 1997 and the Department of Accounting and Business Law has been working toward the goal of separate accreditation for the accounting programs since that time," said Dr. Dan Wade, director of accounting programs.

"It is a measure of quality at a point in time," he added.

The accreditation process included a self-review by the Department of Accounting and Business Law. That review found that the primary mission of the accounting faculty is to teach. Faculty research takes on importance as it relates to effective teaching.

There are 10 faculty members in the department. They also are involved in service to the University, the community, and the accounting profession. Processes were put in place to assure that continuous improvement will continue in the future.

The Accounting Circle, an advisory board of professional business leaders, was a partner in the accreditation process. Initiatives the board helped implement are the faculty internship program, Toastmaster's Club for students, graduate scholarship fund, Accountant in the Classroom program, accounting major recruitment programs, and ongoing program review efforts.

The curricula in the programs include a master's degree in accounting that supports Indiana's 150-hour law for students expecting to take the certified public accounting exam. A revised undergraduate accounting program became effective last fall. About 350 students are majoring in accounting at the undergraduate level and more than 50 students graduate each year.

Eric Otto, director of Admission, called the accreditation the "icing on the cake" for the academic programs.

"This accreditation lends even more credibility to the program," he said. "When we make presentations to students who are considering majoring in accounting, this is something we will tell them."

USI joins three other Indiana universities with the same accreditation. The schools are Ball State University, Notre Dame University, and Indiana University, which also received accreditation this spring.

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## **Young Abe actors receive recognition**

A scholarship will honor Macon Ray of Corydon, Ind., for his 13-year portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln in USI's production of the outdoor musical *Young Abe Lincoln*.

The Macon Ray Scholarship will be awarded annually to a USI theatre student, with preference to a student who is a member of the *Young Abe Lincoln* cast.

Ray, Dean Dorrell of Washington, Ind., and Ken Halcom of Bloomington, Ind., were recognized by the Association of Lincoln Presenters during its annual convention in Spencer County in April.

The three actors have helped fulfill the association's mission by portraying Abraham Lincoln on the Lincoln Amphitheatre stage, in local schools, and at events throughout the state.

Dorrell, Lincoln Amphitheatre's current President Lincoln, received the Lincoln Presenter of the Year Award. In addition to performing on stage, Dorrell visits local schools and organizations to teach the history and heritage of Abraham Lincoln in southern Indiana.

Halcom was awarded an honorary membership in the Association of Lincoln Presenters "in recognition of his contribution to the image of Abraham Lincoln through his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln as a young man in the musical *Young Abe Lincoln*."

Halcom is returning for a sixth season at Lincoln Amphitheatre, reprising his role as Teen Abe in the 2003 season. He also will play Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof* at the amphitheatre this summer.

The Association of Lincoln Presenters is a union of men and women dedicated to bringing Abraham and Mary Lincoln to life. Through presentations that educate, entertain, and inspire, members honor the words and works of the Lincolns.

Contributions to the Macon Ray Theatre Scholarship may be sent to USI Foundation, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712.

For more information about the 2003 Lincoln Amphitheatre season, call 1-800/264-4ABE or visit [www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com](http://www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com). For information about other Lincoln attractions, call 1-888/444-9252 or visit [www.LegendaryPlaces.org](http://www.LegendaryPlaces.org).

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## **Bridge expert to speak in New Harmony**

Dr. James L. Cooper, a nationally-known expert on historic iron and concrete bridges, will deliver the program, "The Great River Bridges of the Lower Wabash," at 7 p.m. May 12 at Thrall's Opera House in New Harmony.

The program will address some of the preservation issues facing the White County Bridge Commission in its effort to preserve the historic bridge, which was completed in 1930.

Cooper will focus on the function and preservation of the White County toll bridge in the context of other toll bridges along the Wabash River between Indiana and Illinois.

An emeritus professor of history at DePauw University, Cooper has published two books on historic bridges in Indiana and has edited and contributed to two others.

He is a member of the advisory panel for the National Historic Bridge Program with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., serves as chair of the Indiana Historic Bridge Committee, and served as director of the Historic Architectural and Engineering Record Bridge Inventory in Indiana from 1980 to 1991.

In 1996, he received the Wilbur D. Peat Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Understanding and Appreciation of Indiana's Architectural Heritage.

The program is in recognition of National Historic Preservation Week. It is free and open to the public.

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## **Names in the news**

### **Achievements**

Dr. Teresa Huerta, assistant professor of Spanish, presented the paper, "Challenging Patriarchy: Woman as a Historical Protagonist in Isabel Allende's *House of Spirits*," at the 15th annual Midwest Conference on Latin American Studies: "Women in Latin America." The conference was held April 24-25 at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Dr. Sherry B. Darrell, professor of English, and Eric vonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, delivered papers at the 27th annual Comparative Drama Conference in Columbus, Ohio, April 24-27. Darrell spoke on isolation in Shakespeare's late tragedy, *Coriolanus*, and vonFuhrmann spoke on Euripides' late play, *Bakchai*, and the Kadmos myth. The event is an international drama conference with participants representing more than 30 countries.

### **In sympathy**

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Deborah Carl, program coordinator and associate professor of dental hygiene, whose mother Aline M. K. Carl, 91, Evansville,

died April 22. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission or St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Diane Van Cleave, instructor in social work, whose father Donald Clodfelter died April 14.

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## FYI

### Spring concert

USI's Women's and Chamber choirs will perform an annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road, Evansville.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the music. For more information, call 812/464-1736.

### NHT volunteers

Volunteer ushers are needed for The New Harmony Theatre this summer at performances June 13-August 17. Opportunities to usher are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, and on Sunday afternoons.

The summer plays include *The Foreigner*, *The Eccentricities of a Nightingale*, and *A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine*. For more information or to volunteer, call Joyce Babillis, administrative associate in the School of Business, on-campus at 812/465-1681 or in the evening at 812/838-4925.

### Newsletter deadline

Friday, May 2, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff. Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

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## Marketplace

### For sale

3700 Covington Drive - lovely all brick, three-bedroom, two-bath ranch-style home. New neutral carpeting, ceramic tile in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, and many appliances: \$127,500. Call 464-1785 or 867-0562.

1998 Jeep Cherokee Grand Laredo - 77,000 miles, loaded. Call Gary May, 465-1694.

1997 Pontiac Montana Van - 97,800 miles, leather seats, captain-style chairs, power windows/locks, power sliding passenger side door, top rack holder, charcoal/light gray exterior. Excellent condition, same owner, good maintenance record; used primarily for long trips. Kelly Blue Book retail value: \$8,250 OBO. Call Rick, 812/853-2637.

Above-ground pool - 24' x 4', good condition, includes filter, cleaning hoses, ladder, cover, and skimmer. Buyer responsible for tearing down and moving. Liner is 3 years old, cover 1 year old, pool only 4 years old: \$450. Call Ext. 1840 or 424-8547 after 5 p.m.

Piano - Kawai console piano, mint condition: \$1,700. Call Nancy, Ext. 1244 or 477-4375.

Heavy duty white washer - extra-large capacity, 2 speed, 5 cycle: \$100. If interested, call 838-3708.

Queen size mattress - excellent condition, clean, only 6 years old; purchase price \$600, asking \$200. Call Edie, 461-5207.

Coca-Cola memorabilia - Coca-Cola chest, good condition, original paint and parts: \$1,200 OBO. Coca-Cola clock, 4 feet by 4 feet, lighted, good condition: \$450. Contact caroevans@usi.edu or 838-6070.

In-line skates - women's size 9-10 in-line skates, very low mileage, garage-kept. Comes with helmet and knee and elbow pads in like-new condition, a set of slightly scuffed wrist guards, and a nylon carry bag: \$25. Act now and I'll throw in an OBU bicycle. Contact lcleek@usi.edu or 422-4288 after 5 p.m.

Fresh Asparagus - \$1.75/lb. Contact Mark Kraehling, 464-1712 or mkraehlin@usi.edu.

### For rent

One-bedroom apartment - not far from USI. One year lease, non-smoking, no pets. Water, sewage, and trash pickup paid: \$350 per month, \$150 deposit. Call 476-3411.

Three minutes from USI - very nice, large, four-bedroom house with full basement and two patios, two furnaces, two and one-half baths, and very large kitchen. Nicely furnished. Located on large lot with pond in exclusive Key West Estates near West Terrace Elementary School. Will be available for the next academic year. If interested, call Eva, 465-1677.

### Wanted

RV to rent for Indy 500 - May 23-26. Contact: George or Melanie, 867-7219.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

Friday, May 2, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made via e-mail by clicking here.

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## May calendar

### Friday, May 2

Last day for schedule revision and withdrawal from the semester - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

GLVC Softball Tournament - May 2-4, Edwardsville, Ill.

NCAA Division II Tennis Great Lakes Regional - May 2-4, TBA.

### Saturday, May 3

Final exams - May 3-9.

Harmonie Hundred - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 3-4, New Harmony. A weekend of biking, daily 50- and 15-mile rides, food, live music, SAG vehicles. Admission charged. Information: 812/682-3453.

Baseball hosts Northern Kentucky - noon, May 3-4, USI Baseball Field.

Cross Country at Butler Twilight - Indianapolis.

### Sunday, May 4

NCAA Super-Regional Men's Golf Tournament - May 4-7, Bolivar, Mo.

### **Monday, May 5**

The Joy of Perennials - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Health Professions Center, Room L104. Registration fee: \$35. Information/registration: 812/464-1863 or 800/467-8600.

### **Tuesday, May 6**

NCAA II Women's Golf East Regional - May 6-7, University of Findlay, Ohio.

### **Wednesday, May 7**

Annual USI Occupational Therapy Program Conference - noon to 8 p.m., Health Professions Center. Free. Information: 812/465-1179.

### **Thursday, May 8**

Case Management 2003 - featuring Nancy Skinner, past president of the Case Management Society of America, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., University Center. Continuing education credit available. Cost: \$90, includes materials, lunch, refreshments. Information/registration: 812/464-1863 or 800/467-8600.

GLVC Baseball Tournament - May 8-11, TBA.

GLVC Cross Country Championships - May 8-9, Edwardsville, Ill.

NCAA II GL Regional Softball Tournament - May 8-11, TBA.

NCAA Division II Tennis Championship Tournament - May 8-11, Altamonte Springs, Fla.

### **Saturday, May 10**

USI Board of Trustees Meeting - 2 p.m., University Center, rooms 201-203.

USI Alumni Annual Meeting - 5:30 p.m., University Center, Room 214. Class of 2003 Reception and Dinner follows. Information: 812/464-1924.

Vanderburgh County Juvenile Firesetter Task Force Carnival - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kapperman American Legion, Newburgh. Includes barbecue, silent auction, games, and children's activities. Proceeds benefit the task force. Barbecue tickets/information: Dr. Michael Slavkin, assistant professor of education, 812/464-1858.

### **Sunday, May 11**

Commencement - 3 p.m., Roberts Stadium. All degree candidates should report to the marshaling area on the lower level of Roberts Stadium no later than 1:45 p.m. Information: bbauer@usi.edu.

### **Monday, May 12**

Open registration - first summer session, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., office of student's major. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Basket Weaving Together - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., University Center, Room 215. Learn the craft of basket weaving with a child, age 7-10. Registration fee: \$55 (one adult and one child). Information/registration: 812/464-1863 or 800/467-8600.

### **Tuesday, May 13**

Classes begin - first summer session. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Schedule revision and late registration period - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 13-14, Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Pass/no pass option period - May 13-16, Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

### **Wednesday, May 14**

End 90-percent refund - 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

NCAA II Women's Golf Championship - May 14-17, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

### **Thursday, May 15**

Hepatitis C: What Does It Have To Do With Me? - 6 to 8:30 p.m., Deaconess Health Sciences Building. Free. Space is limited. Information/registration: 1-877/428-1231.

NCAA II Softball World Series - May 15-18, Salem, Ore.

### **Friday, May 16**

End 80-percent refund - 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Fifth-annual Advanced Practice Nursing Symposium - with keynote speaker Susan Cooper, M.S.N., R.N., assistant professor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Carter Hall. Continuing education credit available. Registration fee: \$75 until May 2; \$90 after May 2; \$25 student registration, includes materials, lunch, and refreshments. Information/registration: 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 16-17, Health Professions Center. Continuing education credit available. Registration: \$150 lecture and lab; \$85 lecture only. Registration deadline: May 2. Information/registration: 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

### **Saturday, May 17**

Laura Foster Nicholson: Garden-Inspired Weavings, - May 17-June 29, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, New Harmony. Opening lecture by the artist, 3 to 4 p.m. May 17, Thrall's Opera House, reception follows. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Information: 812/682-3156.

### **Sunday, May 18**

NCAA II Men's Golf Championships - May 18-23, Sunriver, Ore.

### **Tuesday, May 20**

End 70-percent refund - 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

### **Thursday, May 22**

End 60-percent refund - 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Someone's Loved One - Maybe Yours - workshop preparing participants to deal with the demands of caregiving, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., University Center, Room 201. Registration fee: \$40. Information/registration: 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships - May 22-24, Edwardsville, Ill.

### **Sunday, May 25**

Celebrate America Concert featuring The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra - 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind. Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$25 reserved; \$5 children. Tickets/information: 812/425-5050.

### **Monday, May 26**

Memorial Day - University closed.

### **Friday, May 30**

Last day to drop or withdraw without evaluation - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Registrar's Office. Information: registrar@usi.edu.

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